RESOLUTION 16-R-20 honoring Councilmember Ronald T. Washington for his dedicated service to the City of Murfreesboro.

WHEREAS, Ron Washington has served on the Murfreesboro City Council since 1998 and is a lifelong resident of Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, he is married to Dr. Phyllis Washington, retired Secondary Coordinator from Rutherford Schools. They have two children, Marques and Karmel. Ron is a 1981 graduate of Middle Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mass Communications; and

WHEREAS, Ron Washington has been the recipient of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce Pinnacle Award and Middle Tennessee State University Black Alumni Award. Ron served as the District Manager for the Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation for Rutherford County from 2000 until his retirement in June of 2015; and

WHEREAS, Ron Washington has demonstrated his interest in his hometown and its governance before being elected by serving on the Planning Commission from 1993 to 2002 and has a commitment to serve all citizens of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, Ron Washington was instrumental in the expansion of the Patterson Center as Chairperson of the Patterson Park Study Committee and was instrumental in the South Maney Avenue upgrade. Ron Washington also was a leader in various economic growth opportunities during his tenure on City Council, including the Gateway project, Medical Center Parkway, The Avenues and Embassy Suites and Conference Center; and

WHEREAS, he served on the Murfreesboro Planning Commission from 1993 to 2002 and also served as the Murfreesboro City School Board Council liaison, Vice Mayor, member of the Pension Committee, Golf Commission, Linebaugh Library Board, Urban Environment Commission, Water and Sewer Board, Cable Commission, Airport Commission, City-County Cultural Arts Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Board, National League of Cities Transportation, Infrastructure and Services Committee 1999-2004, Tennessee Municipal League Board, Discovery Center Board, Leadership Rutherford Board, Leadership Middle Tennessee Board, MTSU Foundation Board, Blue Raider Athletic Association Member, Murfreesboro Alumni Chapter Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Noon Exchange Club Member, and Trustee at the Murfreesboro Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes Councilmember Ron Washington's notable and significant contributions to the City of Murfreesboro and City Council. Ron Washington made a difference in our neighborhoods and our city and handled himself at all times with grace and class.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Murfreesboro hereby honors and expresses its profound appreciation to Ronald T. Washington. The people acknowledge his many contributions and devotion to the to the citizens of the City as a member of the Murfreesboro City Council.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption, the public welfare and the welfare of the City requiring it.

Passed: September 1, 2016

Shane McFarland, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Recorder

City Attorney